

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
FORT WORTH DIVISION

MAY - 9 2018

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

By \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA                   §  
  §  
VS.   § NO. 4:17-CR-158-A  
  §  
CARLEY JEAN BENNINGFIELD, ET AL. §

O R D E R

Attached to this order as an exhibit is a copy of a letter dated May 5, 2018, the undersigned received in Chambers on the date of the signing of this order, from defendant ANGEL RENEE NORRIS ("Norris"). This is the second time the court has received a similar letter from Norris. The first was attached as an exhibit to an order the court issued in this case on January 26, 2018. Doc. 158.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the directives of that order, Norris's attorney, Danny Burns ("Burns"), met with Norris and discussed her concerns, following which Burns informed the court that he had "talked with Ms. Norris about her jail house lawyers [advice] was not the best and she agreed that she would listen to [his advice] and [he] agreed that [he] would follow her requests [if] she still wanted them after [they] talked about them." Doc. 159 at 3. The court is optimistic that frank and

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<sup>1</sup>The "Doc. \_\_\_\_" references are to the numbers assigned to the referenced items on the docket in this Case No. 4:17-CR-158-A.

open discussions between Norris and Burns will, again, result in a resolution of the concerns of Norris. Therefore,

The court ORDERS that Danny Burns ("Burns"), after delivering a copy of this order to Norris, meet with Norris in person by May 14, 2018, to the end of resolving any problems existing between them, and that by 4:00 p.m. on May 17, 2018, Burns file a report with the court, under seal if he desires, concerning such meeting, including a statement as to the date when the meeting was held, the time of day it commenced, the time of day it ended, things that were discussed in the meeting, and the outcome of the meeting.

When Burns meets with Norris as described in the preceding paragraph, Burns shall inform Norris that Norris could lose her attorney-client privilege as to any communications between her and Burns that are relevant to her request for substitution of counsel if she persists in such request.

The court further ORDERS that if Burns concludes as a result of things that occur at the meeting that a motion should be filed on behalf of Norris, Burns file such a motion by 4:00 p.m. on May 17, 2018.

SIGNED May 9, 2018.



JOHN MCBRYDE  
United States District Judge

Honorable Judge McBride,

5-5-18

I am writing to express my extreme concerns in regards to my attorney or lack of. Your honor I have repeatedly requested that my attorney Mr. Burns do the simplest of things to prepare me & my case for sentencing coming up on June 5th and he has yet to do anything reference my case. I had to practically force him to submit my objections. I've tried to rectify this lawyer/client relationship several times, sought mediation, written you all to no avail. It simply is a failure. And now its gone beyond the point of disagreement to a complete and utter lack of representation. I've even my mental health records which I provided to Mr. Burns via my old attorney were for his private use only. He was to review them and see if they would be grounds for a downward departure. I never signed any release forms whatsoever. However

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because of the extensive amount of records/work  
 Mr. Burns didn't feel like going over them  
 and simply handed them over to Mrs.  
 Bradford in hopes that they would  
 help me on my PSI. They did  
 the complete opposite and I  
 never gave permission or signed  
 a release for her to have my  
 medical records. Is that not  
 a violation of HIPAA laws &  
 regulations? Or am I wrong  
 pl<sup>s</sup> correct me. Also your honor  
 I've requested that Mr. Burns  
 pull my juvenile record in order  
 to show that my TFC record  
 that Mrs. Bradford the PSI lady  
 made a big show of highlighting  
 should never have been used.  
 Due to the fact that the juvenile  
 courts erred in sending me to  
 TFC and I was released on  
 appeal, But Mr. Burns refuses  
 to bring a release and pull my  
 records. He refuses to do  
 anything to help me your  
 honor. I have a troubled  
 past. I've been in & out of

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placements, foster homes, psych wards starting @ age 4. I've been abused ran away, did drugs, got in trouble and I raped the prison. But for the past 2 1/2 years before I was arrested I completely changed my life. I was clean taking parenting classes, CATS drug courses, had 2 beautiful baby boys, my own apartment, a part time baby sitting job, was receiving vocational training through the Texas Workforce Solutions, Never failed a U.A., yes I was behind on probation fees but I was giving it my all. I completely removed myself from that lifestyle and I didn't know that I had federal charges pending. I had no clue that the federal government was going to arrest me. I charged for my children, for myself, because it's the right thing to do. I And I'm sorry I was over the addict I was but your honor, half of what was said "proffered" on me simply isn't true especially Alisha

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Feeneys statements I asked  
 my attorney to object. He worded  
 it all wrong & they refused  
 it. Nothing she said is true.  
 I don't know what to do. This is  
 my life. My children are in a  
 temporary placement all I  
 do is pray. I just want an  
 attorney who will put in an  
 effort. I mean I've never even  
 recieved one piece of legal  
 mail from Mr. Burns. He tells  
 me I should be glad I  
 didn't get gun enhancements etc  
 and be happy w/ the time I'm  
 getting but that's not fair it's  
 not right I've never touched  
 a gun a day in my life I  
 don't like guns or people who  
 mess w/ guns so why should I  
 get a gun enhancement? I  
 just don't understand how  
 this system works. All I  
 know is that I changed and  
 I pray that that @ least  
 counts for something

Respectfully And Norris